

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0230

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

National Stage of International Application)	
No. PCT/EP2003/014810 under 35 U.S.C. 371)	
)	
Inventors: Federico PAVAN et al.)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
)	
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
)	
Filed: June 1, 2005)	
)	
For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING COATED)	
METAL WIRE)	

MAIL STOP PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. With the exception of the U.S. patents, a copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Also enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: June 1, 2005

By: 

Ernest F. Chapman
Reg. No. 25,961

Enclosures
EFC/FPD/blc

IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known Application Number: Not Yet Assigned Filing Date: June 1, 2005 First Named Inventor: Federico PAVAN Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned Examiner Name: Not Yet Assigned Attorney Docket Number: 07040.0230	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)					
Sheet	1	of	1		

U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-4,517,066	05-14-1985	Benko	
		US-5,219,668	06-15-1993	Lievens et al.	
		US-3,055,089	09-25-1962	Drummond	
		US-5,403,419	04-04-1995	Yoshikawa et al.	
		US-4,988,552	01-29-1991	Tomalin	
		US-4,725,340	02-16-1988	De Filippo et al.	

Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		EP 0 241 721 A1	10-21-1987	Sawada et al.		
		EP 0 669 409 A1	08-30-1995	Orjela		
		EP 0 265 992	05-04-1988	Coppens et al.		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.